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Mr. Richard R. Lancaster
Vice-President, Corporate Services
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RE: Acceptance of Route Permit Application
Great River Energy (GRE)
Hennepin County, Minnesota
EQB Docket #03-65-TR-GRE-PMG

Dear Mr. Lancaster:

On September 9, 2003, Great River Energy (GRE) filed a route permit application with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) regarding a proposal to construct and operate approximately 14 miles of 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in the Plymouth-Maple Grove area of Hennepin County, Minnesota.

EQB staff has reviewed your application and has recommended that I find your application consistent with the requirements of Minnesota Rules. The application will be reviewed pursuant to the Alternative Permitting Review process procedures (Minnesota Rules, part 4400.2000-2950).

Based upon the EQB staff recommendation and my review, I am accepting the GRE application with the understanding that the deficiencies noted by the EQB staff in their correspondence with GRE's permit project team will be addressed promptly.

Based on the limited public comment on the proposed project up to this point, I have decided not to appoint a citizen advisory task force for this project.

Mr. George Johnson will be EQB's staff project manager for this project and you can direct any future questions to him. Mr. Larry Hartman of EQB staff will serve as the public advisor for this project. We look forward to working with GRE to address fully any issues that may be raised in review of this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Schroeder, Chair
Environmental Quality Board

Cc: Carole Schmidt, Great River Energy